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## IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a test script for testing at least a portion of a system, comprising:

obtaining generating stimulus values by processing system requirements, the system requirements including a plurality of system rules by which the system operates, wherein at least a portion of the stimulus values comprise values conflicting with at least a portion of the system rules;

generating a model of a computer component object behavior by processing the system requirements and testing requirements; and

converting said the stimulus values and the model of a the computer component object behavior into a test script.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the stimulus values are ebtained from generated by a tester, and wherein the stimulus values are prepared in response to system requirements.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the model of the computer component object behavior is obtained from generated by a modeler.
- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Cancelled)

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- 8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the test script is executed by a test executor.
- 9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein results are generated in a computer network that includes the computer component in response to the executed test script.
- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said results are tabulated.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method of inputting data into a test-generator generating a test script for testing at least a portion of a system, comprising:

inputting system requirements into the test generator, the system requirements including a plurality of system rules by which the system operates;

inputting testing requirements into the test generator, wherein the testing requirements are input from a separate source from the system requirements;

converting the <u>system requirements and the</u> testing requirements into a model of a computer component object behavior;

converting the system requirements into stimulus values, wherein at least a portion of the stimulus values comprise values conflicting with at least a portion of the system rules; and

converting the stimulus values and the model of a computer component object behavior into a the test script.

- 12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein a tester inputs the system requirements.
- 13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein a modeler inputs the testing requirements.
- 14. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein a test executor tests the response of a computer component to the test script.
- 15. (Cancelled)

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- 16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising: executing the test script.
- 17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein results are generated in response to the executed test script.
- 18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the results are tabulated.
- 19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus that inputs data into a test generator for generating a test script for testing at least a portion of a system, comprising:

a first input that inputs system requirements into the <u>a</u> test generator, the system requirements including a plurality of system rules by which the system operates;

a second input, distinct from said first input, that inputs testing requirements into the test generator; and

a converter adapted for:

converting the system requirements and the testing requirements into a model of a computer component object behavior;

converting the system requirements into stimulus values, wherein at least a portion of the stimulus values comprise values conflicting with at least a portion of the system rules; and

converting the stimulus values and the model of a computer component object behavior into a the test script.

- 20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising: a tester that applies the system requirements to said first input.
- 21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising: a modeler that applies the testing requirements to said second input.

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- 22. (original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein a test executor is used to test the response of a computer component to the test script.
- 23. (Cancelled)
- 24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 23 19, further comprising: a test executor that executes the test script generated by the test generator.
- 25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein results occur in a computer component of a network in response to the executed test script.
- 26. (original) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising an analysis engine that tabulates the results in the network.
- 27. (Currently Amended) A method to test response of a computer component to inputs, comprising:

providing a model of a computer component object behavior, wherein the model of the computer component object behavior is generated by processing system requirements and testing requirements, the system requirements including a plurality of system rules by which the computer component operates;

providing stimulus values to be applied to the computer component object, wherein the stimulus values are generated by processing the testing requirements, wherein at least a portion of the stimulus values comprise values conflicting with at least a portion of the system rules; and

converting the model of the computer component object behavior and the stimulus values into a test script.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein an automated test executor executes the test script.

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- 29. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein a modeler provides said model of the computer component object behavior.
- 30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein an object behavior of a graphical user interface (GUI) is said computer component object behavior.
- 31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein an object behavior of computer hardware is said computer component object behavior.
- 32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein an object behavior of computer software is said computer component object behavior.
- 33. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein a tester provides the stimulus values to be applied to the computer component object.
- 34. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein a test generator converts the model of the computer component object behavior and the stimulus values into test script.
- 35. (Currently Amended) An apparatus that tests response of a computer component to inputs, comprising:
- a modeler providing a model of a computer component object behavior, the model of the computer component object behavior generated by processing system requirements and testing requirements, the system requirements including a plurality of system rules by which the computer component operates;
- a tester providing stimulus values to be applied to the computer component object, the stimulus values generated by processing the testing requirements, wherein at least a portion of the stimulus values comprise values conflicting with at least a portion of the system rules; and
- a test generator converting the model of the computer component object behavior and the stimulus values into a test script.

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- 36. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein an object behavior of a graphical user interface (GUI) is said computer component object behavior.
- 37. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein an object behavior of computer software is said computer component object behavior.
- 38. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein an object behavior of computer hardware is said computer component object behavior.